

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 5/28/2021
DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Local Two Forty Seven PAC Fund
Office:
Parish:
Election Date:
Level of Office: PAC

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: DECEMBER MONTHLY
Original Due Date: 1/11/2021
Date Filed: 1/25/2021
Activity Receipts: \$359.04
Expenditures: \$0
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$5,356.07

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$2,800
Days Late: 14
Late Fee Order Received: 3/5/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/25/2021
Waiver Request Received: 3/9/2021
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Waiver request was submitted by Larry George the chairman who states that they were without a secretary for three months beginning in October 2020. Upon hiring a secretary in January 2021 they immediately inquired with staff at Ethics as to what reports were due. He states that all 2020 reports were completed and filed on 1/25/21. He said on 3/5/21 they received three late fee assessment letters and the total fines were \$8,800.00. These fees in addition to the \$2,200 late fee assessed that was paid on 2/25/21 would bring total fees to \$11,000! He states that the PAC fund only receives annual contributions anywhere from \$2,200 to \$3,000.00. He states that the late fees are excessive and quite frankly not very ethical considering the hardships we all endured in 2020.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: YES
Prior Late Fees: YES
Reassessed Late Fees: YES

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No



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249 McKeithen Drive. ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA 71303

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LARRY GEORGE
BUSINESS MANAGER

EDWARD JARZYNA
PRESIDENT

March 8, 2021

Louisiana Board of Ethics
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

REQUEST FOR WAIVER / Local Two Forty Seven PAC Fund

Please accept our Request for Waiver for delinquent 2020 Monthly Campaign Finance Disclosure Reports for the period of October; November & December 2020. Our office Business Manager – Larry George was without a secretary for three months beginning in October 2021. Upon hiring a secretary in January 2021, we immediately inquired with the LA Board of Ethics as to what reports were due. All 2020 reports were completed and filed on January 25, 2021.

On February 24, 2021 we received notification letter from the LA Board of Ethics that our request to waive fees was denied. On February 25, 2021 we mailed the \$2,200.00 late fee fine to the Treasurer as directed. At that time, we emailed Melissa Horn to make sure that no additional fines be assessed to our PAC Fund. We have not received a response.

On March 5, 2021 we received three late fee assessment letters for the filing of our Monthly Campaign Disclosure Reports for October; November and December 2020 contributions. The total of these fines assessed is \$8,800.00.

These fees in addition to the \$2,200.00 late fee assessed we paid on February 25, 2021 would bring the total late fees due the LA Board of Ethics to \$11,000! We have made every effort under the circumstances to file all our 2020 PAC Fund requirements and did so. Our PAC Fund only receives annually in contributions anywhere from \$2,200 to \$3,000.00. These late fees assessed from the LA Board of Ethics are excessive and quite frankly not very ethical considering the hardships we all endured during 2020.

We greatly appreciate your consideration & time for this matter.
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 318-442-9923.

Sincerely,

Larry George
UA Local 247
Business Manager

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 11, 2021

MR. LARRY GEORGE
LOCAL TWO FORTY SEVEN PAC FUND
249 MCKEITHEN DR.
ALEXANDRIA, LA 71301

RE: 40-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report - October 12, 2019 Election
Docket ID: 2020-644
BOARD RESULT: Decline to Waive

Dear Mr. George:

At its January 2021 meeting, the Louisiana Board of Ethics, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, considered your request for a "good cause" waiver of the \$2,200 late fee assessed against you for failing to timely file the 40-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report campaign finance disclosure report.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that it **DECLINED TO WAIVE** the \$2,200 late fee. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$2,200, payable to *Louisiana State Treasurer*, P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821. You have 20 days from receipt of this notice to pay the late fee or dispute the assessment.

To dispute the assessment, you may elect to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit a **request for reconsideration** to the *Board of Ethics*.
If you choose to request reconsideration, your request should include additional information not previously provided or available to the Board during its initial consideration of the matter. If you would like to appear before the *Board of Ethics* in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. If you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting. The request should be submitted to: *Louisiana Board of Ethics* Post Office Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70821. You may also fax the request to 225/381-7271. If the *Board of Ethics* denies your request, you may appeal the reduced amount to the *Ethics Adjudicatory Board*.
2. You may **request an appeal** of the assessment to the *Ethics Adjudicatory Board*.
Your request shall include all grounds for which you are seeking an appeal, along with documentation and evidence. If you choose to request an appeal, your request should be submitted to: *Louisiana Board of Ethics* Post Office Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821. You may also fax the request to 225/381-7271.

If you do not pay the late fee or dispute the assessment within 20 days of receipt of this notice, then the \$2,200 late fee will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website. If you request reconsideration or an appeal, your name will not be posted on the agency website.

Additionally, it should be noted that any unpaid fines, fees, or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office, as the *Board of Ethics* will object to your candidacy in future elections pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and 18:492.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Charles E. Reeves, Jr.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



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March 3, 2021

Mr. Larry George
Local Two Forty Seven PAC Fund
249 McKeithen Dr.
Alexandria, LA 71303

RE: Late fee assessment for October 2020 Monthly
Monthly Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 76 days late

Dear Mr. George:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of **\$3,000** payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

You have 20 days from receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal **the assessment** directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment. If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

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You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.

Sincerely,

Melissa Horn

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
acting in its capacity as the
SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE

In Re: Local Two Forty Seven PAC Fund
October 2020 Monthly

LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Local Two Forty Seven PAC Fund, in its capacity as a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Larry George and treasurer, Edward Jarzyna were required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1491.6.

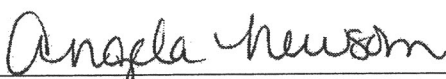
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WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1491.6I(1), Local Two Forty Seven PAC Fund was required to file a Monthly Report by November 10, 2020. Local Two Forty Seven PAC Fund filed the report on January 25, 2021 and was 76 days late.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(v) provides that an automatic late fee of \$200 per day (not to exceed \$3,000) be assessed against Local Two Forty Seven PAC Fund, its committee's chairperson, Larry George and treasurer, Edward Jarzyna for this late filing.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that a late fee of \$3,000 is assessed against Local Two Forty Seven PAC Fund, its committee's chairperson, Larry George and treasurer, Edward Jarzyna for failure to timely file a Monthly campaign finance disclosure report.

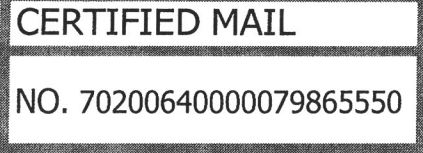
ORDER signed on the 3rd day of March 2021 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Angela Newsom, Director
Campaign Finance & Lobbying Division



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March 3, 2021

Mr. Larry George
Local Two Forty Seven PAC Fund
249 McKeithen Dr.
Alexandria, LA 71303

RE: Late fee assessment for November 2020 Monthly
Monthly Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 46 days late

Dear Mr. George:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of **\$3,000** payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

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Sincerely,

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STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
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SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE

In Re: Local Two Forty Seven PAC Fund
November 2020 Monthly

LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER

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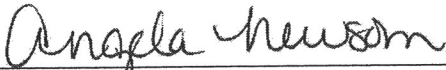
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March 3, 2021

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Local Two Forty Seven PAC Fund
249 McKeithen Dr.
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RE: Late fee assessment for December 2020 Monthly
Monthly Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 14 days late

Dear Mr. George:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of **\$2,800** payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

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In Re: Local Two Forty Seven PAC Fund
December 2020 Monthly

LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Local Two Forty Seven PAC Fund, in its capacity as a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Larry George and treasurer, Edward Jarzyna were required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1491.6.

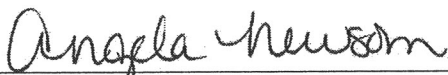
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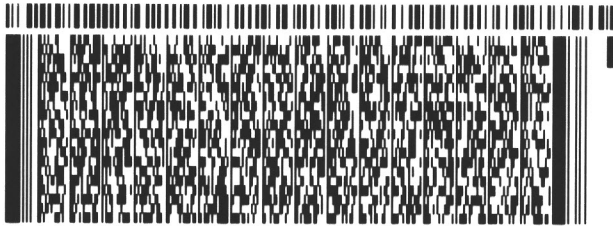
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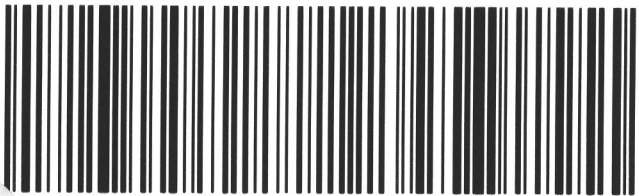
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